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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

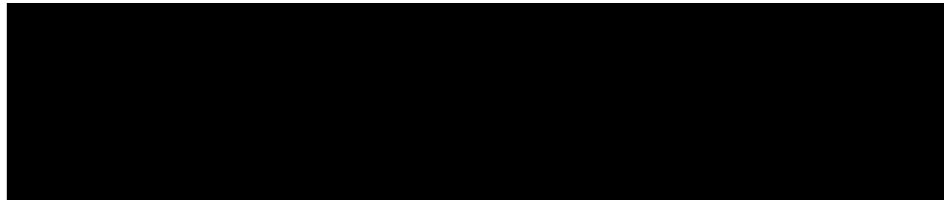
VIA: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division *MB*

SUBJECT: Requirements for System IV

1. This memorandum requests your approval of the recommendation in paragraph 6.

2. On two major occasions the ARC has recommended the use of System IV:

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25X1D0a Other than these occasions, the System IV has not been used except for collection in [redacted] incidental to checking out the gear.

3. The results from these missions are considered important, particularly a above, although not uniformly judged so among the components of the Intelligence Community. However, in looking toward the future use of System IV, an authoritative appraisal of the value received from these missions is not really necessary.

4. More pertinent to the question of future use are the following:

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25X1D0a           a.       The ARC has not in the past, and cannot now, recommend in terms of priority national intelligence objectives [REDACTED] with System IV, believing as it does that photographic coverage is much more vital, and that any recommendation for penetration, at this time or in the foreseeable future, would require photographic collection.

25X1D0a           b.       The USAF considers that ELINT collection from [REDACTED]

25X1D0a           [REDACTED] is within the jurisdiction of SAC and of Theater Commands. This view is confirmed by the JCS. Furthermore, they agree that the peripheral collection capabilities of SAC and the Theater Commands on all areas, including that of the [REDACTED]

25X1D0a           [REDACTED] are competent to meet U.S. intelligence needs. OSI is not convinced that the electronic environment is adequately covered by the USAF without the use of System IV. It will re-examine the product of USAF collection and if necessary levy new requirements.

25X1D0a           5.       In the light of the foregoing, the ARC finds itself unable to recommend the use of System IV by TALENT against any portion of [REDACTED]

25X1D0a           [REDACTED] for the foreseeable future. It has already recommended (TCS-7075/60, 17 March 1960, subject: System IV and VI) the modification and improvement of System VI which may accompany photographic collecting gear. It urges that whenever operationally feasible, System VI accompany TALENT missions.

Recommendation

6.       That, since the ARC cannot now or in the foreseeable future recommend requirements for collection by TALENT System IV, DDP consider the advisability of retiring System IV from TALENT

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collection gear and that it be stored under those conditions which would permit reactivation on notice if a justifiable requirement emerges.

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Chairman  
Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

The recommendation contained in paragraph 6 is approved:

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Deputy Director  
(Plans)

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